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Servant Girl Takes Poison on Having Her Dead Past Resurrected.

Committee Urges Consolidation Into One Bureau of All National Agencies for Promotion of the Public Health.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN. (Copyright, 1908, by Frederic J. Haskin.) Washington, D. C., Aug. 6.—There are 2,000,000 preventable deaths occurring among the people of the United States every year. If this number could be lessened enough to lengthen the span of the average life only five years, the economic gain therefrom would amount to \$800,000,000 a year. The American Association for the Advancement of Science would cut down the death rate and extend the span of life, and is just now laboring earnestly in that direction, and with every assurance of success. Through its committee of one hundred on national health—a committee which is practically a roster of the one hundred leading spirits of American progress—it is waging a campaign which seems certain to result in as much governmental interest in the human being as is already shown in the hog, horses, sheep and cattle.

This committee is urging the consolidation into one bureau of all the national agencies for the promotion of the public health, to be administered by a man eminent in the science of preventive medicine. Already it has secured the endorsement of the president to its aims, and its emissaries came away from Chicago and Denver with planks in the Republican and Democratic platforms favoring the establishment of such a bureau. The independence league has followed suit, so that no matter who is elected in November the committee of one hundred will win. It is probable that congressional action will take the form of establishing a department of health, whose head shall be a member of the cabinet. That is what the committee is seeking to secure. When anyone comes forward with the objection that such a course is paternal in its nature, he is met with the reply that no line of governmental activity could be more paternal in its nature than the department of agriculture, and that notwithstanding this fact no branch of the government service has yielded better returns for the money that it has cost than this one. Not long ago the committee on expenditures in the agricultural department from the representative of Washington Secretary Wilson to furnish them with an estimate of the value of the department to the people of the United States. Taking only such farm progress as everybody admits has been due to the work of the department, he found that they aggregated the enormous total of \$252,000,000. The committee of one hundred believes that what the department of agriculture has done for the uplift of the farm, a department of health could do for the health of the people.

Work of Department. The work of the department of agriculture is educational. Its duty is to reach out to the individual farmer and show him what to do and how to do it in a way that will yield greater returns to him and the nation. It has been a slow work. It began in 1839, when congress appropriated money for getting new and rare seeds for the farmers of the United States. It was more than a beginning. When every farmer in the country substitutes science for main strength and the aggregate annual contribution to the national wealth will be nearer \$20,000,000 than \$5,000,000, it is at its today. So it will be with the work of the proposed department of health. Its final success would be measured by how completely it reached every one of the 200,000,000 people in the United States and enlisted their cooperation in the prevention of disease. Its aim would be to reach the homes of the people, teaching them how to be scientifically clean, how to have sanitary surroundings and how to maintain good health. Today there are at least three bureaus in the government working toward one and the same end—the health of the people. But they are working independently of one another and there is much traveling over the same road, and much needless expenditure of money. Each has contributed great service to the public health; each has rendered great aid in educating the people in the protection of their own and that of their neighbors. Likewise, each has contributed its quota to the creation of the public sentiment which has resulted in the passage for such beneficent measures as the national quarantine law, the pure food law and the meat inspection law. But had they been working in one harmonious whole the results accomplished might have been even more valuable to the people and to the nation. This is the view of the committee of one hundred takes, at any rate, and which leads it to advocate their consolidation.

Dr. Wyman's Bureau. One of these bureaus is the public health and marine hospital service, of which Dr. Walter Wyman is the head. This bureau is already accomplishing many things in the direction of the aims of the committee of one hundred. Dr. Wyman has been the leading spirit in the promulgation of international health regulations, and has reduced the dangers of the importation of contagious diseases to a minimum. His bureau has made many investigations as to the spread of contagion, and at times is ready to cooperate with state boards of health in finding and eradicating the causes of epidemics occurring within states. Its recommendations as to the future are of peculiar interest as showing what a large number of governmental medicine is likely to follow in the years to come.

One of these relatives to typhoid fever and typhus fever, which federal regulations have adopted to prevent its spread. Last year a passenger vessel on the Great Lakes discharged a large number of typhoid cases at a number of ports. At one port there were 22 cases discharged in 10 weeks and it was estimated that

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Aug. 6.—As she was being rushed to the hospital early today after taking a deadly dose of strychnine with suicidal intent, Claire Parage, a maid employed at a fashionable apartment house, told a pitiful story of having been assaulted by Policeman M. E. Dowell, and as a result the police commissioners are today making an investigation into Dowell's actions. The girl declared that the officer entered her room at the apartment house and insulted her. She said he had threatened to reveal information to her employers concerning her past life and that she was helplessly in his power. After telling her story the girl lost consciousness and now lies on a cot at the hospital unable to add further details to the story. Policeman Dowell declares that he was sent by a superior officer to investigate the girl and that he entered her room to put her under arrest. When she learned of his purpose, he says, she seized the poison and took it before he could prevent the act.

The total number of cases contracted on this vessel was 77. Investigations show that other vessels have been similarly infected, and that railroad trains may be responsible for many cases of contagion. It is urged that the "carelessness in the handling of water and ice for drinking purposes."

Ferally Streams. A recommendation is made for the prevention of the pollution of streams which cross state lines. The bureau is working toward the education of the masses in the matter of pure and uncontaminated milk. It finds its opportunity for accomplishing this severely limited by the refusal of congress to make the necessary appropriations for a broader dissemination of the information it has gathered. The bureau of public health and marine hospital service, a portion of the work of the bureau of animal industry, would probably be taken from the department of agriculture and assigned to the new department. This bureau has to do with meat inspection and the investigation of milk supplies. It has found that one of the first things to be done to protect the national health is to properly guard the milk supply. Last year it investigated the dairies supplying the city of Washington and found an average rating of the whole lot was only 45 points out of a possible 100. It found that 20 per cent of the cows furnishing Washington milk have tuberculosis, yet it expresses the belief that the condition of the dairies supplying Washington is as good as that of the average city.

Bureau of Chemistry. Another bureau which would undoubtedly be added to the new department is the bureau of chemistry, now a part of the department of agriculture. This is Dr. Wiley's famous bureau, the home of the poison squad. This bureau has been a great governmental influence in spreading the gospel of pure food among the people. Dr. Wiley has been dubbed a czar by unbelieveable work of his bureau goes on just the same. His poison squad experiments have been unique, but at the same time they have been the most thorough experiments ever made by any government, and many valuable lessons have been learned from them. The German government had made some experiments along the same lines, but when Dr. Wiley visited Berlin to learn about these he found them, wholly out of keeping with the reputation of German chemists for thorough and exhaustive investigation, so he came back and went through the whole work himself. His experiments have demonstrated that many harmful preservatives were used in food and have resulted in the prohibition of the use of borax, salicylic acid, sulphuric acid and formaldehyde for such purposes. The bureau of chemistry has done much in determining the relative nutritive values of food, and in educating the masses against adulterated food. It is expected that with all of these governmental bureaus consolidated and their energies allied in one grand effort to master the secrets of public health and teach these secrets to the people, the United States will put into all other nations in contributing to the health and well being of mankind.

Enlarged Power. The enactment of a law consolidating these bureaus probably would carry with it enlarged power and greater appropriations in order that the proposed department could carry out its mission of the question of public health further and enforce its findings where interstate health is concerned. "We commend the efforts designed to secure greater efficiency in national public health agencies and favor such legislation as will effect this purpose." The Democratic platform says: "We advocate the consolidation of all existing national public health agencies into a national health bureau, which shall have power over sanitary conditions connected with hotels, mines, tenements, child labor and such other subjects as are properly within the jurisdiction of the federal government and do not interfere with state control of public health agencies." If the proposed department profits by the example of the department of agriculture and reaches out to uplift the individual, it probably will be able to bring a reformation has passed away to favor about health conditions of which our fathers never dreamed. Dirt and disease go hand in hand. The promotion of health is personal and public cleanliness. The next session of congress probably will give the nation the benefit of inculcating this new evangel in the hearts of the people.

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ATLANTIC STEAMER MERGER REPORTED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—It is reported in shipping circles here today that the Hamburg-American, the Holland-American and the Cosmopolitan steamship lines maintaining regular service between Philadelphia and European ports have been amalgamated.

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(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Aug. 6.—Keen regret was expressed in local shipping circles today over the sudden death of Captain Gustav Niebaum, president of the Alaska Commercial company, who expired of heart failure at his home in this city last night. Captain Niebaum has been a prominent figure in Pacific coast trade for many years. In the early days of Alaska's development he spent most of his time there, perfecting the remarkable series of supply posts along the Yukon and on the coast from St. Michael northward which aided the early gold seekers and packers. Until the Klondike rush began, the Alaska Commercial company had a practical monopoly of the trade in the north. Long before the company was organized, Niebaum had developed extensive interests in Alaska, and it was this that led the organizers of the company to seek his partnership. Captain Niebaum was 66 years of age and a native of Finland.

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